

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Application of	)	Confirmation No. 5063
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Serial No. 09/940,860	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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For: MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF BACTEREMIA	)	

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 19, 2007, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims in view of the remarks and evidence of record. Claims 2, 4-23, and 33-34 are pending. Claims 2, 4-22, and 33 stand rejected. Claims 23 and 34 are allowed.

Accompanying this submission are:

- A petition for a three-month extension of time.
- Exhibit A (U.S. 5,334,526, abstract).
- Exhibit B (New England BioLabs catalog extract)

We believe no additional fee is due for consideration of this response. If any fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.